Improving the condition of landless and homeless labourers

2676. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of landless and homeless labourers in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the programmes being implemented for improving their conditions, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has reviewed or proposed to review these programmes so that the assistance given to improve condition of labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) According to the census 2001, there are about 10.7 crore landless agricultural labourers in the country. The State-wise details are enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Labour & Employment is not implementing any specific programmes for improving the conditions of these labourers. However, there are various schemes/programmes being implemented by other Central Ministries/Departments for improving the conditions of rural poor including landless labourers. Some of such schemes are: Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana, Pradhanmantri Gram Sadak Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), etc. The Government is implementing Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) with the objective to provide assistance to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) rural households. The Agriculture Insurance Company of India is implementing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme providing for insurance of crops during Kharif and Rabi season. The Government has recently enacted National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which provides for 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Further, Janshree Bima Yojana providing for insurance cover to people living below or marginally above the poverty line is also available for workers in the unorganised sector including agricultural workers.

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Statewise Agricultural labourers (as per Census 2001)

India/States	Agricultural Labourers
India*	106,775,330
Andhra Pradesh	13,832,152
Arunachal Pradesh	18,840
Assam	1,263,532
Bihar	13,417,744
Chhattisgarh	3,091,358
Goa	35,806
Gujarat	5,161,658
Haryana	1,278,821
Himachal Pradesh	94,171
Jammu & Kashmir	246,421
Jharkhand	2,851,297
Karnataka	6,226,942
Kerala	1,620,851
Madhya Pradesh	7,400,670
Maharashtra	10,815,262
Manipur*	113,630
Meghalaya	171,694
Mizoram	26,783
Nagaland	30,907
Orissa	4,999,104
Punjab	1,489,861
Rajasthan	2,523,719
Sikkim	17,000
Tamil Nadu	8,637,630
Tripura	276,132
Uttar Pradesh	13,400,911
Uttaranchal	259,683
West Bengal	7,362,957
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5,169
Chandigarh	563
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	14,715
Daman & Diu	1,323
Delhi	15,773
Lakshadweep	—
Pondicheery	72,251

*NOTE: India and Manipur figures exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divs of Senapati District in Manipur State as census results were cancelled due to administrative and technical reasons.